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Newspaper gossip now points to Congressman Olmstead, of Harrisburg, as a probable compromise candidate for governor in the event that a truce of the factions can be declared.

AN UGLY SITUATION.

Delay in the Maine investigation, whether intentional or not, is making for misery. Accident may supervene to cancel this tendency but otherwise the longer the verdict is postponed the smaller becomes the probability of any concession of it.

THE SUPREME NEED.

All Americans capable of taking a large view of a critical situation must concur unreservedly in the remarks on the need of stronger national defence which we reproduce on this page from the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

TO BE BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscopes Drawn by Ajacchus. The Tribune Astrologer. Astrological Cast: 2:31 a. m. for Thursday, March 3, 1898.

Beginnings of a New Era of Prosperity.

From the Philadelphia Record. STATISTICS regarding the production of Bessemer steel ingots and rails in the United States in 1897, presented in the most recent bulletin of the Iron and Steel Association, show that all previous records achieved in this industry have been broken.

Must Be Probed to the Bottom.

The governor of South Carolina has offered a reward of \$500 for the detection of the criminals who recently murdered the negro postmaster at Lake City in that state and sought to cremate his wife and child.

A Great Railroad.

N. A. only its 25,000 stock holders but also all other American citizens ought to be interested in the results achieved by the management of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, the largest corporation in the world and, in the opinion of many, the "whitest."

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against the nation. The men who threatened that if a negro was appointed postmaster at Lake City they would kill him, and who executed that threat, struck at the negro directly but through him they struck a blow of treason into the very vitals of the federal government.

A temperate and judicious comment upon the Maine disaster is made by the Toronto Globe, which certainly is unbiased. The Globe admits that the excitement and resentment of the American people are natural, but it thinks that in these cases second thoughts are useful.

According to Father Weber, the Rochester clergyman, and a number of others who think with him, what goes on in Cuba is none of our business. But the records show directly to the contrary. They show that in the three years of Cuba's internal war American trade has suffered to the extent of at least \$300,000,000, and certainly that of the Maine may become Spain's business, in which event it would also be our business.

King George of Greece was probably the most unpopular monarch in Europe until some one shot at him the other day. Now his good qualities are glaring. If the amateur assassin had been a good marksman it is probable that George would have been the subject of many eulogies from a sorrowing nation today.

General Wade Hampton, a lieutenant-general in the Southern Confederacy, advises if war shall arise between the United States and Spain that the people of the South remain at home and let the Northerners fight it out. Wade is 22 years behind the times.

A child born on this day will wonder why reporters with anorectic appetites are sent to report the Martha trial at Wilkes-Barre. Modern diplomats are busy carrying on peaceful conversation while preparing to reach for a knife in his boot.

The newsboy who yells "evening" papers at 5 o'clock p. m. is raising the sunset, so to speak. This-skinned officials who object to newspaper comments should console themselves by the thought that the press seldom criticizes any but persons of importance.

In short, though some men talk of peace there is no visible rift in the clouds of war. As European governments, submerged by burdens of debt and military expense, find themselves being steadily displaced by the young and vigorous United States, they will not look to arbitration treaties to signify their chagrin; but pushed on by a ferment of internal ignorance, socialism and anarchism, they will eventually choose the weapon of desperation—sullen and vengeful war.

Spain, it appears, has managed to scrape together sufficient money to procure an opinion on these Chilean warships. There are contingencies in which Spain would need them.

We accept the governor's offer of a reward of \$500 for the apprehension and conviction of the members of the Lake City mob as indicating in some measure the degree of the offense in his eyes. It is inadequate to the purpose in view. The crime is one that there were several hundred men in the mob, and the governor's offer amounts to something over a dollar a head, and we doubt that the reward would be worth the risk, and even if all the members of the mob should be apprehended it would be little to look for their conviction in the state courts.

The Klondike relief expedition that was to have been fitted out by the government has been abandoned, and the remainder imported from Lapland to be used in dragging supplies, will be sold. It has been ascertained that the miners of the Yukon who possess the requisite dust may procure all the provisions that they require. Nothing now remains for the hungry Klondiker therefore but to "hustle for the dust."

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exporters of these commodities that production has been greatly stimulated. In 1896 our exports of iron and steel amounted to \$48,709,281, in 1897 to \$52,762,290. Our imports of iron and steel in 1896 amounted to \$20,543,094, and in 1897 to \$14,514,862. Thus it appears that the excess of exports over imports of iron and steel in 1897 amounted in value to \$38,247,427 as compared with \$28,165,440 in 1896. The gain in exports is nearly 30 per cent. in value, and the decline in imports is about the same.

It is not possible briefly to enumerate more than a small number of manufactured articles which have contributed to swell the total of our exports. It is now conceded by all who are conversant with the facts that this country has entered upon a new career of prosperity largely due to its ability to manufacture better goods at lower prices than any other country in the world.

OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE. Rochester Democrat and Chronicle. The matter of preparation for a possible war with Spain is not the most important matter now before the country. Back of it there is a far larger and far more important question. Recent events have demonstrated that this country can never keep itself free from the risk of war no matter how discreetly and justly it conducts itself towards other nations; that no more than the rest of the world will the United States be allowed by other nations and by events to decide for itself the question of peace or war.

From Harper's Weekly. The circulation of the Bible in this country is enormous, steady, and constantly increasing. Of Bibles and Testaments the American Bible society annually sells or gives away about 1,200,000. The International Bible agency sells about 200,000, and other laboring agencies, which there are four or five in New York alone, circulate a great many more.

From the Chicago Chronicle. In accounting for the reasons for the failure of the Cob Pipe Manufacturing company at Quinman, Osage county, Kansas, the explanation is made that one reason for the decrease in demand is that farmers are in such good condition financially that they have discarded their favorite pipes, and are now smoking cigars. This is bad for the cob pipe company, but it is to be hoped that they can console themselves for their loss by contemplating the improved condition of the western farmers.

From a Speech by General Harrison. Wealth should neither be the object of our envy nor the basis of our consideration. The indiscriminate denunciation of the rich is mischievous. It perverts the mind, poisons the heart and furnishes excuse for crime. No poor man was ever made richer or happier by it. It is quite as illogical to despise a man because he is rich as because he is poor. Not what a man has, but what he is, settles his class.

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